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2014 Royal Tour - Why This Year?

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“CANADIAN ACHIEVEMENT: Commemorating Our Past – Celebrating Our Future”

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The year 2014 marks a special moment in the life of our country. In the lead-up to the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017, Canada will commemorate a broad range of anniversaries that speak to the essence of nation building. These include:

- 200th:** birth of Sir George-Étienne Cartier (2014)
birth of Sir John A. Macdonald (2015)
- 175th:** birth of Sir Wilfrid Laurier (2016)
- 150th:** Charlottetown and Quebec City Conferences (2014)
- 125th:** Stanley Cup (2017)
- 100th:** outbreak of World War I (2014)
battles of the Somme and Beaumont Hamel (2016)
battles of Passchendaele and Vimy Ridge (2017)
women's suffrage (2016)
creation of the National Hockey League (2017)
- 75th:** outbreak of World War II
Battle of Hong Kong (2016)
Dieppe Raid (2017)
- 50th:** National Flag of Canada (2015)
Order of Canada (2017)
Canada Games (2017)

Two dates will be a cause of great celebration:

- July 1, 2017:** Sesquicentennial of the Dominion of Canada
- Sept. 10, 2015:** Reign of Queen Elizabeth II surpasses that of her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria, making her the longest-reigning Sovereign of Canada

These and many other regionally based anniversaries will be a source of great pride for all Canadians. Therefore, it is fitting that The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall visit with Canadians as we now enter this significant period of commemoration and celebration and continue to build a society and country that is truly the envy of the world. All Canadians have a reason to commemorate our past while celebrating the spirit of nation building that is alive and well in all regions of our country– reflecting our pride in our accomplishments and confidence in our future.

